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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 379
By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Head Coach Jimmy Carey and the 1999 University School of Jackson baseball team on becoming the 1999 TSSAA Class A State Champions.

WHEREAS, it is important that the members of this General Assembly should honor those athletic teams whose accomplishments are a source of pride for their respective schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, the tremendously talented University School of Jackson baseball team is one such athletic squad, having recently completed a memorable season, winning the 1999 TSSAA State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the 1999 State Champion Bruins impressed everyone as they ended the season with the championship and a twenty game winning streak; and

WHEREAS, in the state championship tournament the Bruins bested Franklin Road Academy twice to win the coveted title; and

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WHEREAS, this “team of destiny” was built around an explosive offense and an incredible pitching staff. The USJ Bruins scored 420 runs in 40 games averaging 10.5 runs per game; and

WHEREAS, the team’s batting average was .390, with 54 home runs; the pitching staff was just as impressive allowing only 150 runs in 40 games with a 2.87 earned run average and 226 strikeouts in 40 games; and

WHEREAS, coached by the highly respected Jimmy Carey, the team and coaching staff worked toward this victory for four years; and

WHEREAS, the University School of Jackson baseball team has also been lead by three outstanding assistant coaches: Coach Mark Dunn, Coach Mike Wickersham, and Coach John Herriman; and

WHEREAS, each member of this fine team made a significant contribution to the success the Bruins enjoyed throughout this season; they include: Seniors, Drew Lester, Roger Cook, Andrew White, J.R. Dunn, Timmy Sikes, Rob Byrd, and Brandon Rowland; Juniors, Mark Barnett, Nash Powell, Bobby Steward, Rob Tabor, Chris Feucht, Bucky Gulley, and Tucker Herndon; Sophomores, David Howard, Josh Allen, John Gorman, Derek Clement, Bryan Byrd, and Brannon Williams; Freshman, Franklin Payne, Greg Fay, Jay Hammond, Douglas Wood, John Fry, Brett Hunt, John David Sikes; and 8th Grader, Will Woods; and

WHEREAS, the team would not have been complete without the able assistance of Statistician Alicia Little, and the support of Athletic Director Mickey Marley and Headmaster Don Coffey; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate and honor this exemplary team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Jimmy Carey and the

1999 University School of Jackson baseball team on winning the 1999 TSSAA state championship, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.